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► Rainmen forward Darnell Hугее takes a shot over Moncton Miracles guard Darrell Wonge during Halifax's final National Basketball League of Canada regular season game on Thursday night.

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# Strike's end not in sight

- Transit impasse now at one-month mark
- Prof predicts many more days lie ahead

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A local university professor says it will likely be "a long time" before transit is up and running again.

Judy Haiven, an associate professor in the department of management at Saint Mary's University, said both the transit union and the city have been digging a hole — and there's no turning back now.

"The thing is that both sides have dug themselves in very deep," Haiven said on Thursday.

She said workers have already stuck it out with cold noses and depleted bank accounts for a month.

"They're very cold, and it's frustrating, and the city hasn't backed down one inch," said Haiven, who recently co-wrote a report on labour standards in Nova Scotia. "At a certain stage, what happens in a strike is that workers say, 'What the hell. In for a penny, in for a pound.'"

Haiven also said she believes the public hasn't put enough pressure on the municipality, focusing their resentment towards the strikers.

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The number of weeks the last Halifax transit strike in 1998 lasted.

"But this is a two-way street," she said.

Pressure mounted late last week as Metro Transit sent its final offer to the union, which members voted down 78 per cent.

Earlier this week, the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 sent a counteroffer to Metro Transit director Eddie Robar, but that was quickly shot down.

But Mayor Peter Kelly has said HRM's final offer remains on the table until Friday at 11:59 p.m.

Meanwhile, the union was staying mum on Thursday. Union president Ken Wilson did not return phone calls to Metro, and when asked for an interview, union vice-president Shane O'Leary declined, saying, "There's nothing to say."

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## Home-court advantage for Rainmen

The Rainmen won the game 106-94 and clinched home-court advantage for their first-round playoff matchup against the Quebec Kebs. For more on the game, see page 25.

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## On social media



We asked is it time for the province to intervene in the transit strike?

Twitter

- ▶ **@Mystek23:** Yes! The province should absolutely intervene! Neither side can come to a solution; this has gone on far too long!
- ▶ **@SElliott\_:** The province should stay out of the strike and let the kids settle their own fight. #transitstrike
- ▶ **@Bendell\_S:** the province should have stepped in weeks ago. If they do now, then make transit an essential service.
- ▶ **@TheJoeOsborne:** The province should absolutely help end this strike. 1000's of Nova Scotians are being negatively affected by this each day.
- ▶ **@J\_L\_andrews:** one of the few smart moves Dexter made is staying out of the #transitstrike. Let the kids work it out while people get healthy.

Facebook

- ▶ **Mandi Northrup:** Time For Something To Happen, This Is Getting Ridiculous!!
- ▶ **Wayne Hart:** Stay out of it. The roads are safer without the bus drivers on the roads.
- ▶ **Gary C. Hood:** Yes, it's time for back-to-work legislation. That would mean binding arbitration, which would be a nice slap upside the head for HRM council.
- ▶ **Erin Porter Christian:** It would be nice if he could but I don't feel it's the province's place to step into a municipal issue.

# Province still not touching transit strike

▶ Premier hoping both sides will find new ways to come to a collective agreement ▶ Province repeats it's not interested in getting involved

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



▶ Bus drivers Dale Berkers, Phil Gysbertsen and Joe Babineau respond to a honk from a passing driver as they picket along the Circumferential Highway on Thursday afternoon.



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Never say never, but don't look to the province to solve the transit strike.

Premier Darrell Dexter told reporters on Thursday he has no intention of getting involved, and he side-stepped questions about getting involved at some point in the future.

"This is a dispute between the municipality and their employees and it's up to them to resolve it," he said.

"I'm not commenting on

that relationship at all. I'm simply saying it's up to them to resolve it."

The department of labour is monitoring the strike, but Dexter said he's had no direct conversations with the mayor. He said his interest in all this is to ensure there is a "freely negotiated" collective agreement between HRM and transit workers.

"And it's done in a way that ensures there will be stability in that workplace in the long term and that will be best for everybody," he said.

Going into Week 5, the

transit strike shows no signs of ending, and tourism season is just around the corner. And it's starting early this year: all eyes will be on Halifax to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic in April.

"I'm not going to speculate about that," Dexter said. "We, like everybody else, want to see a resolution to the problem. Every day we see people who are affected by a lack of access to public transit."

Besides, Dexter said, there still is some activity in the negotiations as the



**"I have never, that I can ever remember, seen a strike where people are happy whether they're employers or employees."**

PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER

union and HRM have traded offers and counter offers in the past week, although to no avail.

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# Province to trim health-care costs

► Ernst and Young study of merging services cost the province \$98,000 ► Department heads will begin work Friday on implementing measures



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Around 100 jobs are on the chopping block after the province announced some administrative services among the nine district health authorities and the IWK Health Centre will be merged.

Laundry, supply services, finance and payroll and general administrative services will be merged among the DHAs. It will save between \$7 million and \$8.8 million in the next 18 months.

Maureen MacDonald, health and wellness minister, promised there will be no impact to patient care as a result of these measures.

The four services will be implemented in the next 18 months. Another two services — human resources and IT and telecommunications — are also being considered but won't be implemented yet.



► Maureen MacDonald

In terms of job loss, it means 97 to 128 positions will be eliminated. Of those, 11 to 20 vice-president and director jobs will be lost, along with 77 union jobs and 23 management positions. Depending on the area, the unions involved include NSGEU, CAW and CUPE.

Knowing this was coming, vacancies were not filled in the past three months. Attrition will also be used to lessen the impact of layoffs. There

**\$52M** The top estimated annual amount the province will save when all six services are merged.

are about 900 people currently working in those four areas.

"We're looking at starting at the top in terms of where we think we can have the greatest impact," MacDonald told reporters.

A study completed by Ernst and Young looked at 13 services that could be merged and put those six on the short list. And while they recommend outsourcing laundry services, MacDonald said she's not interested.

"There's much we can do in terms of consolidating laundry within the existing public system to give us greater efficiencies, and outsourcing can lead to a deterioration to the wages and benefits of workers who are currently employed," she said.



► A QEH hospital employee wipes down a bed. The province announced that it will save up to \$8.8 million after merging some administrative services, including payroll and laundry.

## Critics decry proposed cuts

Cuts to health-care administration jobs will have a "detrimental" effect on patient care, said Danny Cavanagh, president of CUPE Nova Scotia.

CUPE is one of the unions that will likely see members lose jobs as a result of Thursday's announcement.

Cavanagh said he's hap-

py the province isn't looking at privatization and outsourcing for now.

"But we're worried about what the future holds," he said.

Liberal health-care critic Leo Glavine said the province isn't reforming the system in the right way, and is, instead, hoping the cuts will be suffi-

cient. Meanwhile, Chris D'Entremont, health critic for the Tories, told reporters there's much more that can be done.

"We're looking at a \$7-\$9 million cut on a \$3.5-billion (health) budget. I think we're nowhere near where we need to be," he said.

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## Bedford massage therapist facing new sex charge

► Police interested in speaking with anyone who may be a victim

A Bedford massage therapist charged last year in connection with an alleged assault is facing a new sex charge.

Halifax Regional Police say 41-year-old Adnan Al-Rassi has been charged with sexual assault in relation to an alleged incident at a Bedford home last May.

Police spokesperson Const. Brian Palmeter said a woman reported that she went to a private home in Bedford for a massage.

"She alleged that while she was receiving a massage-like treatment, she was touched inappropriately, and that the touching would be of a sexual manner," said Palmeter.

Al-Rassi was previous

charged with sexual assault in early November after a woman told police he allegedly masturbated during a September visit to the residence, Palmeter said.

"As a result of that going public, we received the second complaint about an incident that happened ... in May," said Palmeter, adding the second complaint came in on Dec. 12.

Palmeter said at the time of the incidents, a registered business was being run out of the home, but could not say whether it is still operating.

Al-Rassi is scheduled to appear in Halifax provincial court on April 19 to face the new charge.

● ALY THOMSON



Gathering. Outside

► Members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada gather outside their offices in Halifax on Thursday. The lunch-hour demonstration is part of a countrywide effort to protest expected job cuts by the federal government.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Rallying against job cuts

## Nova Scotia's tourist numbers released

The province says more than 2.1 million visitors came to the province last year, which is on par with 2010.

Many of Nova Scotia's visitors are coming by coach buses, the province's latest tourism statistics suggest. Motor coach travel is up 35 per cent from 2010, while road travel decreased by four per cent, a department news release states.

Air travel was up nine per cent, visits from the

"Our tourism indicators showed some positive results for the final months of 2011."

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United States decreased three per cent and total overseas visits were up 12 per cent for the year.

● METRO

## Winning lotto ticket not yet verified

The Atlantic Lottery Corp. says someone has come forward claiming to be holding a million dollar Lotto 6-49 ticket that was sold in Halifax.

But that won't be verified until Friday at the ear-

liest, said Lindsay Shannon of the corporation.

The corporation said a ticket worth about \$1 million was purchased in Halifax.

Shannon said the top prize in Wednesday night's draw was split three ways with one winning ticket in Western Canada, one in Ontario and another in Halifax. ● ALY THOMSON

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## News in brief

## Suspicious envelope

CANADA POST. Halifax police are calling a suspicious envelope found at a Canada Post sorting centre on Thursday a false alarm.

Officers were called to the sorting centre on Almon Street in Halifax at around 8:30 a.m. to investigate an envelope that was emanating a strange odour, said Const. Brian Palmeter. ● ALY THOMSON

## Child-porn charges

NORTH KENTVILLE. A man accused of accessing, possessing and distributing child pornography is facing more charges.

Police have charged 36-year-old Jason Troy Pitts with making child

pornography and conspiracy to commit a sexual assault after searching a residence on Lamont Road in North Kentville on Wednesday. Police allege the man was involved in the production of child pornography involving a child from another country. ● METRO

## Alleged abduction

RCMP. Police in southwestern Nova Scotia are investigating a case of an alleged abduction.

The RCMP responded to a report of two missing women in Wedgeport at about 3:10 p.m. Wednesday. They say one of the women called 911 shortly after, saying the pair was taken against their will.

Less than an hour later, RCMP found them while responding to a three-vehicle collision in New Minas — about 250 kilometres away.

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## Clock ticks on NewPage creditors

► Those who say they are owed money have until the middle of April to make a claim against the paper mill

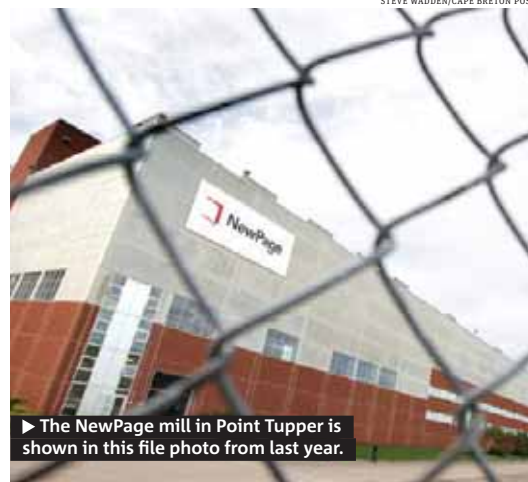
Creditors who say they are owed money by an idled Cape Breton paper mill have until April 16 to submit their claims.

The deadline for claims against NewPage Port Hawkesbury was set Thursday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax.

Mathew Harris of the court-appointed monitor, Ernst & Young, said all the company's creditors will be formally notified of the deadline next week.

"The process allows us to effectively cleanse the company such that we can sell it," Harris said outside court. "If the process wasn't there to deal with all these claims and the purchaser had to deal with them after the purchase, it would make the situation much less attractive to any purchaser."

NewPage's two paper



► The NewPage mill in Point Tupper is shown in this file photo from last year.

machines in Point Tupper have been shut down since September. Negotiations are ongoing with Pacific West Commercial Corp., whose bid to buy the mill was selected in January.

A number of steps need to be taken before the sale is wrapped up, which Harris said could take several months. He said the call for claims was the first step, followed by negotiations

## 'Hot idle'

The mill remains in a so-called "hot idle" mode while talks continue with Pacific West. The Nova Scotia government has promised \$5 million to keep the mill in the semi-ready state until April 13.

with the creditors.

Pacific West and Nova Scotia Power are also working on a final agreement on power rates, which is one of the biggest challenges in negotiating a sale.

Harris said any deal would require the approval of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

"Everybody's been working hard to try to achieve (a solution)," he said.

"We're getting very close, we believe, to being in that position. That's why it's necessary now to move the other parts of the process along."

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# Drive less and turn down the heat

► Haligonians are doing whatever they can to save a buck and use less energy, survey finds

## BY THE NUMBERS

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The biggest concern in our household budget today is the cost of energy.

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**Survey data**  
A total of 428 HRM residents were surveyed, with the poll carrying a margin of error of plus or minus 4.7 per cent.

pooling, transit (when not on strike) and cycling as alternatives.

Just more than 40 per cent feel that if gas prices continue to rise through the summer, it will mean fewer or shorter vacations for them this year.

On the home heating front, 27 per cent of our respondents are turning down the heat, turning off the lights, and using a variety of conservation techniques to keep home energy costs under control. In fact, 39 per cent plan to do more of this type of

thing in the coming months.

We explored further what types of steps residents of HRM are specifically taking. The list is long and quite consistent.

- 70 per cent say they have installed energy-efficient light bulbs.

- 33 per cent are turning down the thermostat.

- 57 per cent say they have added insulation or installed better windows or doors.

- 44 per cent have used their clothesline significantly more, instead of the dryer.

- 29 per cent have or are considering switching from oil to wood, for at least part of their heating.

Despite the rising costs to do it, 97 per cent of respondents say they would spend more to have their



energy come from renewable sources. But only seven per cent believe the government is committed to securing future renewable sources. And a smaller number, three per cent,

feel they are getting adequate conservation information from government and their energy providers.

But folks tell us that conservation is primarily a personal responsibility, with

71 per cent saying it's a family issue.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel with the polling firm MQO Research. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region for more than 25 years.

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ELISABETH BRAW METRO WORLD NEWS

# Meet the flash mob's evil twin

The young man noticed that the Hugo Boss store was staffed by a single sales clerk. He posted a message to the app Foursquare from his smartphone. Thirty minutes later, a mob of 50 entered the store and ransacked it. By the time police arrived three minutes later, the mob had dispersed.

This is the dark side of the flash mob. If smartphone-powered crowds can come together to do a good deed, they can just as easily gather to commit crimes.

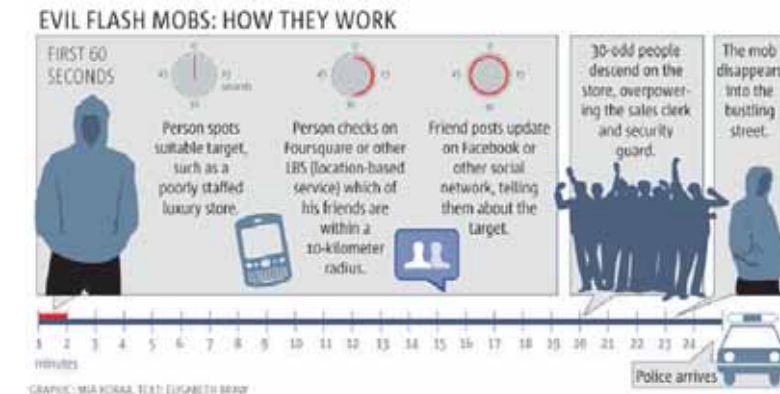
"Criminals don't have worse skills with technology than average citizens," says George Knox, director of the U.S. National Gang Crime Research Center in Chicago. "Gangs use flash

**"Gangs use flash mobs for looting. If there's a security guard, he can tackle four to five people, but not 50."**

GEORGE KNOX, NATIONAL GANG CRIME RESEARCH CENTER

mobs for looting. If there's a security guard, he can tackle four to five people, but not 50, and most shops can't afford to install security systems."

The 2011 London riots were, in essence, "flash mobs" — impromptu looting of stores organized on social media. Criminal flash mobs, consisting mostly of teenagers, have also attacked stores and residents in Philadelphia,



Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Flash mobs haven't yet taken over city centres, although not for lack of trying.

"The police are getting very sophisticated about

getting information from people's phones," says Daniel Silverstone, a professor of criminology at London Metropolitan University.

Const. Scott Mills of the Toronto Police Service is

among 170 officers who have received social-media training, and whose job it is to root out flash mobs before they happen.

"I'm walking the beat on social media, and that prevents crimes just like a

cop walking the street does," says Mills, also known as Graffiti BMX Cop (@GraffitiBMXCop).

"I look for signs of trouble on Twitter and Facebook, and young people can report things to me on the same media. Users approach me on Twitter and Facebook and say things like, 'Hey, check this out.' Once, a Facebook user told me about a planned school shooting, and we were able to prevent it."

But we mustn't always assume that people getting together have bad intentions, says Clifford Stott, lecturer in crowd psychology at the University of Liverpool.

"After the London riots," he notes, "people used social media to quickly gather and clean up."

## Smoke, panic, separation: Three days adrift on liner

The worst moments for Gordon and Eleanor Bradwell on the disabled cruise ship Costa Allegra came immediately after the wail of the general alarm. Eleanor quickly left lunch to get a life vest in the couple's cabin. Gordon was pushed in another direction. The scent of smoke grew stronger. Then the lifeboats dropped.

Some passengers panicked, shouting out family members' names. The Bradwells, of Athens, Ga., feared they wouldn't find each other. "Those were the worst moments," Gordon Bradwell said.

The Costa Allegra docked in the Seychelles on Thursday nearly three full days after a fire broke out in the ship's generator room.

The fire came only six weeks after the Costa Concordia capsized off Italy, killing 25 people and leaving seven missing, a fact that was on many passengers' minds.

After the general alarm was called off Monday, life settled down on the Allegra. But there were no more hot meals, and the toilets couldn't be flushed and they



quickly filled, blanketing the bathrooms in stench.

Cawan Finn, using a Britishism, summed up the bathroom situation. "I haven't had a whoopsie for about four days now," the 65-year-old said.

But it could have been worse. "We were just drifting ... what if there had been a major storm?"

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## Analysis THRILL GAME

**CLARK MCPHAIL,**  
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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT  
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Currently there are at least two kinds of "flash mobs." The first are criminal actions by small-time thieves who target shops, flood them suddenly, overwhelm clerks, take what they can and leave before police can arrive.

The second are fundamentally political actions by anarchists who hijack demonstrations that provide cover and opportunity, for example, the British student protest marches last year. Upon reaching the high streets

with upscale shops, small numbers of anarchists suddenly emerged from among the marchers to break store windows, create havoc and then flee before they could be apprehended.

Media reports of such events provided models for non-political youngsters to see how often police were ill-equipped to respond quickly. This promised an opportunity for low-cost, high-risk "shopping" in the form of "flash mobs."

## Flash mobs

▶ A product of social networking, the first flash mobs took place in 2003, when participants went into a New York department store and asked for a "love

rug," then entered a hotel and burst into applause. The event quickly went global, with freeze mobs, dance-of-the-commuters mobs, human-mirror mobs and pillow-fight mobs.

# U.S. Senate votes to require coverage of birth control

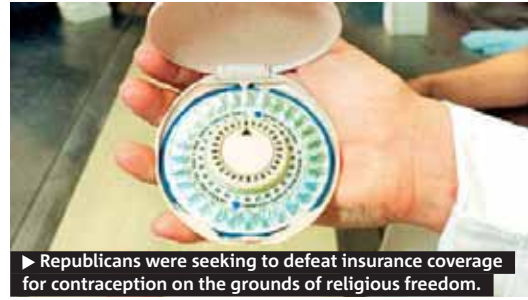
A Republican effort to roll back President Barack Obama's policy on contraception insurance coverage was defeated on Thursday in the U.S. Senate.

The 51-48 vote killed an amendment that would have allowed employers and insurers to opt out of portions of Obama's health care law that they found morally objectionable.

That would have included the law's requirement that insurers cover the costs of birth control. The Democrats said the measure would have allowed employers and insurers to opt out of virtually any medical treatment with the mere mention of a moral or religious objection.

Republicans argued that the law should be reversed

because it violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom by forcing insurers and employers to pay for contraception even if their faith forbids its use. Democrats said the amendment was an assault on women's rights and could be used to cancel virtually any part of the law.



▶ Republicans were seeking to defeat insurance coverage for contraception on the grounds of religious freedom.

Both parties were using the issue to rally their bases; Republicans sought to hold together conservatives and others in the midst of an unsettled battle for the presidential nomination. And for Obama, there is no constituency more crucial to his re-election chances than women.

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# 'Black Madam' arrested for bad butt injections

► Padge Windslowe, 42, injected patients with toxic cocktails

A woman dubbed the "Black Madam" could face charges in the death of a London tourist who received illegal buttocks-enhancement injections last year in a Philadelphia hotel, police said.

Padge Victoria Windslowe, 42, was arrested Wednesday night as she prepared to host a "pumping party," where she was to illegally inject clients, according to police.

She faces charges including aggravated assault and deceptive practices after one of her clients, an exotic dancer, suffered serious lung problems after an injection, Philadelphia police Lt. John Walker said.

Windslowe was arraigned Thursday and was being held on \$10 million bail, prosecutors said.

Windslowe is a person of interest in the death of the 20-year-old London woman who last year received injections at a hotel near Philadelphia International Airport, Walker said.

He said she will likely be charged with murder in that case if the medical examiner rules Windslowe's injection caused the death of Claudia Aderotimi, who complained of chest pain and difficulty breathing following the procedure. No charges have been filed. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Wales. Of a good time



► Britain's Prince Charles fires a paintball gun as he meets personnel from The Welsh Guards' 1st Battalion during a visit to their barracks in Hounslow, England, to mark St. David's Day, a national day of celebration in Wales, on Thursday.

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## Prince Charles celebrates St. David's Day

The first day of March was chosen in remembrance of the death of St. David, the patron saint of Wales. The date was declared a national day of celebration in the 18th century. Leeks are traditionally worn and/or eaten on the holiday.

## Cellphone auto-correct prompts lockdown of Georgia schools

A cellphone's auto-corrected text message prompted lockdowns at a middle and high school in the town of Oakwood, Ga., on Wednesday.

The text had originally read: "gunna be at west hall today." But the phone's auto-correct feature changed "gunna" to "gunman." The change went unnoticed by the sender before the text was sent out.

Further adding to the confusion, the text was sent to the wrong number and the police were promptly called, according to the Gainesville Times. As police were investigating, the West Hall middle and high schools were closed.

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# Full-throttle mystery

- Derailed VIA train had been doing almost 108 km/h
- Switch under investigation requires slowing to 24 km/h

A passenger train that derailed while switching tracks — killing three engineers and injuring 45 passengers — was travelling at almost 108 km/h when it derailed west of Toronto on Sunday, says The Transportation Safety Board.

The speed limit while changing tracks at that particular switch is 24 kilometres.

"While we know the excess speed caused the derailment, this is not the end of the investigation," lead investigator Tom Griffith said Thursday. "It's only the beginning."

"We need to figure out why. We need to understand the environment in which the crew was oper-

ating and why they made the decisions they did."

Griffith said the train's black box also shows the brakes were not applied before the crash.

When asked if track signals to alert the crew were working, Griffith replied: "Were the signals 100 per cent? We don't know that right now." He said there's no indication the signals were malfunctioning, adding he doesn't know why the brakes weren't applied, or why the speed was so high.

Two of the engineers, Peter Snarr, 52, and Ken Simmonds, 56, both of Toronto, were experienced drivers, each with more than 30 years in the industry. A trainee, Patrick



**"We had three experienced people at the front of that train. Why were they doing that? That's what we have to find out."**

**TOM GRIFFITH, LEAD INVESTIGATOR**

Robinson, 40, of Cornwall, Ont., joined them in the cab to observe.

The switch involved requires the train to slow to 24 kilometres instead of the usual 72 kilometres.

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## School. Protest



► A demonstrator impersonates Quebec Premier Jean Charest blocking his ears and refusing to listen in Quebec City yesterday.

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## Students take a stand on high fees

Thousands of students marched to the legislature to protest the government's plan to raise tuition fees to \$3,800 from \$2,200 over the next five years. Many carried signs while some boycotted classes.

## Teen seriously hurt in car-surfing stunt

A car-surfing incident has left a 19-year-old Ontario man with life-threatening head injuries and the driver facing criminal charges.

Police say the man was standing on the hood of a Toyota as it drove down a street in Ajax, just east of Toronto, on Wednesday night. Witnesses tell police

the car braked, sending the man flying off the hood to the asphalt. He's in a trauma unit at a Toronto hospital.

The 19-year-old man police say was the driver Ali Malik, is charged with dangerous driving and dangerous driving causing bodily harm. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Tories deny foul robocalls

The Conservative party says it didn't use U.S.-based call services to get out the vote in the May election, but the Liberals did.

The Tories say that means they can't be behind allegations of harassing phone calls originating from American area codes during the last campaign, but maybe the Liberals

were.

Many people have reported receiving strange calls, some from American numbers, during the May election that either misled them about polling stations or came at odd hours.

Elections Canada is investigating the origin of calls made in the riding of Guelph, but a stream of people from other ridings are also complaining about suspect calls.

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## Pricey ad campaign touts Tory budget

When Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced this week that March 29 will be federal budget day, the very first words out of his mouth heralded the coming "Jobs and Growth Budget."

If the phrase sounds vaguely familiar, it should.

Taxpayers are footing the bill for a \$12.4-million gov-

ernment ad campaign with one common message: "creating jobs and growth." Complementary campaigns by Finance Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency ran throughout February and will continue through March, backstopping the Harper government's message. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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# Google privacy changes



## ► Company's new data-collection policy raises concerns ► May be in contravention of European data laws

Google's contentious new privacy policy officially takes effect Thursday, despite some objections from Canada's privacy commissioner and others around the world.

The main concern being raised by most critics is how Google will now start saving user information collected from all its services in one place. For example, users who log into several different services — such as Google.ca, Gmail and YouTube — will have data about all their searches and clicks stored together.

Users can stop this data consolidation by staying logged out when using the search engine or YouTube, or by having separate logins for each different site.



**"You are going to be using the information in new ways — ways that may make some users uncomfortable."**

JENNIFER STODDART,  
PRIVACY COMMISSIONER,  
IN A LETTER TO GOOGLE

In a letter to Google, privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said users aren't being told enough about how to effectively opt out of Google's new plan.

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## Police: Bombings held up newspaper probe

Former Scotland Yard counterterrorism chief Peter Clarke told a judge-

led inquiry in Britain Thursday that one of the reasons police couldn't devote much time to investigating allegations of phone hacking by British newspapers was because of the 2005 London transit bombings.

He said the London force was undermanned, so the investigation into phone hacking had to take a back seat.

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### SIX NEW MARKETS

## Metro to add more cities

Metro Canada is expanding to six new cities in April, the newspaper announced Thursday.

Metro will launch a daily print edition in Saskatoon and Regina on April 2, along with a website and mobile news apps for iPhone, iPad and Android.

The company will also launch digital-only in Ontario in Hamilton,

Kitchener and Windsor, and in B.C. in Victoria.

The launches mean Metro products, including the French-language paper in Montreal, will now be available in 15 of Canada's top 17 metropolitan areas.

"I am delighted to lead this remarkable opportunity as we partner with the communities of Saskatoon and Regina," said Steve Shroud, vice-president and group publisher, western Canada.

"We look forward to offering a fresh, urban news perspective in Canada's most vibrant Prairie communities."

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## Canadians spending more time online

Canadians are spending more time than ever on the Internet — about 17 per cent more than users

in the U.S., according to a comScore report released Thursday.

The average amount of time Canadian Internet users spent online in December was 45.3 hours, up about four per cent from December 2010, an extra three minutes a day.

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**1** **Gordon Lightfoot:** The iconic singer is releasing a new album, *Massey Hall Moments – All Live*, on April 17th from his concerts at the historic Toronto venue over the years. And tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. at [masseyhall.com](http://masseyhall.com) for his gigs there this November. But if you could read my mind, you would've known that already.

**2** **@AngiesRightLeg:** The Oscars were a dud, if not for Angelina Jolie's right leg. She displayed it prominently — and cheekily — in a black velvet dress with a thigh-high slit, and someone created a parody *@AngiesRightLeg* on Twitter that night, with tweets like "You have to admit I'm one hell of a leg." It now has more than 40,000 followers. No word on how Angie's left leg feels.

**3** **Me to We leaders:** Founded by the brains behind Free The Children, Craig and Marc Kielburger, the Me to We organization — which encourages people to become involved in positive change to the world — has Take Action summer-camp academies in cities across Canada to teach leadership to youth. For more info, go to [Metowe.com](http://Metowe.com). Be the change.

**4** **Rob Delaney:** This L.A. comedian wasn't really known until he became famous on Twitter (*@robdelaney*) with his (NSFW) comic tweets that have generated 335,000 followers, and now he's developing a show based on his Twitter account for Comedy Central called *@robdelaney*. "This is no \$h! My Dad Says" would be a good punchline on the show.

**5** **Brian Burke's trade deadline:** The Leafs GM said, "I think the trade deadline is hard on players, but I think it's murder on players in Toronto," and his staff had even talked of instituting a 10-day trade freeze in the buildup to the deadline to relieve Leaf players of trade stress. I'm playing the world's smallest violin right now for you, Brian.

**6** **Twitter dictates:** Sir Richard Branson on Twitter inventor Jack Dorsey in the new issue of *Fast Company*: "By inventing Twitter, Jack may have well brought down dictators in North Africa and the Middle East. That's not bad going for one guy." Absolutely.

**7** **NASCAR driver tweets:** When Brad Keselowski was delayed with other cars during a Daytona 500 race this week, he tweeted via *@keselowski* from inside his car while he waited for the race to resume. And he tweeted again after a crash late in the race. He may not have won Daytona, but he tripled his number of followers, going from 65K to 200K.

**8** **Ginger Ale on plane:** It might well be because people associate it with treating motion sickness (it settles the stomach), but have you ever noticed that basically 50 per cent of people on a plane order ginger ale? Outside a plane, you rarely see someone order it. Unless it's with rye. Tall observation to finish your week.

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## Local tweets



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@halifaxtweeters: RT @Ally-Canada: Get your shovels ready! #halifax

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► **@ShawnWoodford:** If you haven't registered for the Mar. 21 @cmaatlantic conference do it now

<http://t.co/gNdCoW9Z>

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► **@kitty\_03:** RT @hfxgov: HRM's overnight winter parking ban in effect starting tonight until further notice. #hrmparkingban

<http://t.co/n82nMuaD>

► **@B\_Charles\_Allen:** based on radar out of nws grey, me, it seems the system will track a tad NE, than expected, could make all the difference in HRM #nswx

► **@dougorkum:** RT @Brad-SkipChapman:

@TheRickHoweShow so approximately 15% of the population of HRM uses this service, and they want 100% of taxpayers to anti-up

► **@NeilJohnBailey:** Advice for @planHRM: Promote relevant hashtags widely before events. Twitter is more effective that way. #HRM #HRM-gov #RP5 #engage

## Daily Zoom



# Culinary rebellion

## A cook that plays with his food

Emile Picard samples some fresh maple syrup poured on snow at the Au Pieds de Cochon sugar shack Thursday in St-Benoit-de-Mirabel, Que., but don't tell the folks at this Ottawa winter festival about Martin Picard's latest creation.

If organizers forbade him from serving foie gras at last year's event because of a backlash by animal-

rights activists that prompted him to cancel his appearance altogether, it's unlikely he'd be invited back to cook his new dish, named "Confederation Beaver" — that is, the buck-toothed national emblem stuffed with its own tail in a slow-cooked sauce of cream and pig's blood.

The second cookbook from the celebrity Montreal chef emphasizes a philosophy of cuisine that made him a hero to like-minded foodies. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Sugar Shack



A lobster and smoked-meat omelette is one of the featured menu items at the Au Pieds de Cochon sugar shack.

## A must-read

The cookbook has a section with lessons such as how to skin the fur from forest rodents and how to braise a beaver's tail until it's suitable for stuffing.

It also contains an illustrated history of sugar shacks filled with anecdotes, a guide to producing maple syrup, a story envisioning a post-apocalyptic world where all that's left is the sugar shack, and more.

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### Synopsis

In this adaptation of Dr. Seuss's most serious book, 12-year-old Ted (voice of Zac Efron), hopes to impress a girl (Taylor Swift) by giving her a tree. You see, she's never seen a real one because they live in Thneedville, a town where everything is fake. Even the trees are battery operated. His search for the tree leads him to the Once-ler (Ed Helms), the keeper of the last tree seed, who tells him about The Lorax (Danny DeVito) and why all the trees disappeared.

### Ratings:

Richard: ●●●½  
Mark: ●●●●



► Kids will like the cute creatures in The Lorax.

### Reel Guys

## RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN



# One for the trees

► The Lorax is light on plot, but still carries the strong pro-environmental overtones that made the Dr. Seuss story controversial

**Richard:** Mark, by and large, I liked The Lorax. It has some good characters, a strong central message for kids (particularly if they are interested in gardening) and some good laughs, but I left the theatre with the unshakeable feeling that it would have made a better short film. At 70 pages, the book doesn't quite offer up enough to fill out a feature length movie. It felt padded and not quite what the Dr. Seuss ordered. You?

**MB:** It wasn't the padding that bothered me as much as the hectoring tone of its pro-environmental, anti-

entrepreneurial message. Finally, a film for the whole Socialist family! But the great eye candy and production numbers puts this kid flick in the plus column for me. Surely you liked the chorus of singing goldfish?

**RC:** The goldfish are part Andrews Sisters, part Greek Chorus and are the best thing in the movie. Loved them, and I liked much of the movie, but it just didn't feel Suessy or Seussian, or whatever the word would be, enough. Kids will like the cute creatures and the Lorax's giant orange handlebar 'stache, but for me it was too fre-

netic to be considered a faithful translation of a Seuss book.

**MB:** I never read the book so I had no expectations. I guess the obvious thing that's missing is Seuss' trademark rhyming dialogue. But I thought the movie was true to his visual style. And I was grateful that it was animated rather than those horrible live action Seuss adaptations using over-cafeinated comedians.

**RC:** Tell me about it. The best Seuss adaptation starred horror legend Boris Karloff! The Grinch Who

Stole Christmas is the benchmark; it really brings the good doctor's characters to life. The Lorax, for all its charms, doesn't really feel like Dr. Seuss. It just doesn't feel green-eggs-and-hammy, or in non-Seuss terms, magical enough. Do you think kids will like it? Will they get the 'save the planet' message?

**MB:** I think it's aimed at kids four to nine. The message is so explicit it would be hard to miss. Parents can enjoy it for the visual imagery and pop culture jokes. But it doesn't have the depth of a Pixar film or classic Disney.

### Scene in brief



The Hunger Games author Suzanne Collins has given a big thumbs up to the upcoming film version of her million-selling dystopian novel. In a message that appeared Thursday on the Facebook page of The Hunger Games, Collins wrote that she was "really happy" with the movie. She praised director Gary Ross for remaining faithful to the book. The film will be released March 23.

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## Movie reviews

**Project X****Genre:** Comedy**Director:** Nima Nourizadeh**Stars:** Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper, Jonathan Daniel Brown

Costa, Thomas and JB are three nerdy high school kids who, like every other high school kid in every other high school movie, decide to throw a house party that will get them noticed and attract otherwise unattainable ladies.

Thomas (Mann), whose

parents are out of town for the weekend, wants to throw himself a birthday bash that will be "big enough to be cool." He figures 50 people maximum should do the trick. But his foul-mouthed friend, Costa (Cooper, who makes Jonah Hill in *Superbad* look saintly), has other plans.

He spreads the word through every medium possible — including Craigslist — and suddenly this cool-but-manageable

party gets absolutely out of control (think the nights the *Hangover* guys can't remember, but with more drinking, drugs and damage).

Though you've probably heard all the jokes before in any number of the teen party movies that have come before it, you've never really seen a party like this one. *Project X*, after all, tells the story of "the most epic high school party ever."

● REGAN REID

**Coriolanus****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Ralph Fiennes**Stars:** Ralph Fiennes, Gerard Butler, Brian Cox

Ralph Fiennes' ferocious adaptation of one of Shakespeare's least-known plays has been

calibrated for present-tense relevance: the director casts himself as the resentful, battle-scarred general of a war-torn nation battling media spin and the machinations of duplicitous politicians. Expert support from

Jessica Chastain, Vanessa Redgrave and, surprisingly, Gerard Butler — as Fiennes' equally combat-savvy nemesis — gives the film dramatic heft to balance its scattered action flick moves.

● ADAM NAYMAN

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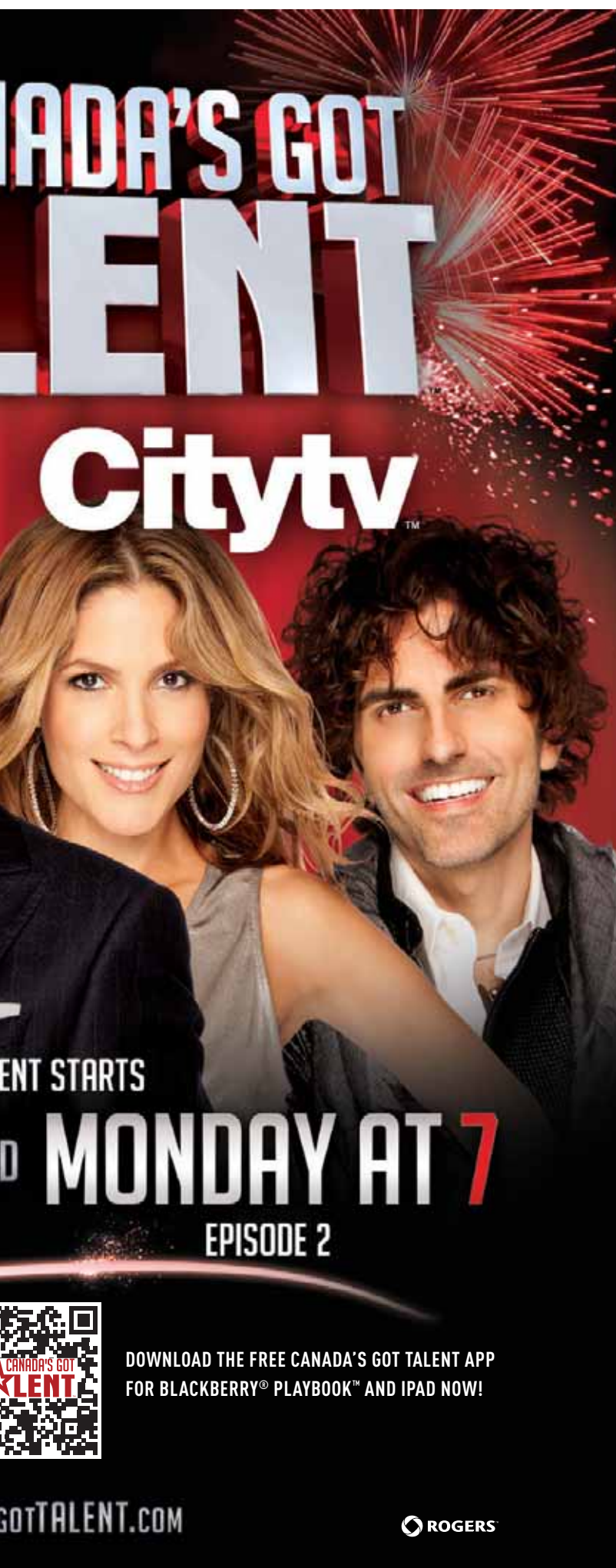
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# Kitsch keeps grounded

- ▶ Actor Taylor Kitsch has a big year ahead with lead roles in two major films, including John Carter
- ▶ Why he tries to stay out of Hollywood



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Taylor Kitsch is well aware that a lot is riding on 2012 for him, career-wise. With lead roles in a pair of presumed blockbusters — this month's John Carter followed by Battleship in May — and Oliver Stone's Savages later this year, Kitsch is set to have his status in Hollywood solidified one way or the other. But he has other things on his mind — and a house to finish.

**Your face basically is the marketing campaign for John Carter.**

Yeah, yeah. I mean, that is something you never, ever get used to. I think it really is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of year for me coming up with these three films. It's insane. I think it's also a cool moment just to have within yourself, like it's really come full-circle for the most part through the struggle or whatever it was to get to this point.

**Being the title character in a potential franchise, how is it to watch the marketing campaign at work and have no control over it?**

I think you just nailed it, I don't have control over it. I mean, I just can't wear so many hats. I'm so on the inside — obviously, being him — but there's things, yeah, that I would love to

have seen different. There's also things that they've done that have opened my eyes to it in a different way. So, I mean, I really don't have power on it at the end of the day...

**There's a lot of you on display in this film. Did you ever wish that he'd discover a shirt or a pair of pants somewhere on Mars?**

I loved the Civil War Carter, put it that way. (laughs) It's ... exposed, to say the least.

**You've been trying to mix big and small films in your career. What's the strategy for that?**

I can tell you. From day one, it's been keeping it simple, working with people that will empower and make you better at the end of the day and doing character-driven roles. That's not going to change. At this point, I just simply won't work. Because it's so much f—ing energy, and it's so much that you put into it, that if you're not waking up ready and willing to give everything you have for it, it just ain't worth it. So I'd rather just do a lot of other things if that's the case.

**What sort of other things?**

Like I just went to Africa and did a documentary in November. Right now I'm doing press 99 per cent of my life, but I'd love to go sit in the editing room and work on that documentary. I'd love to be in Austin, golfing with my best friend,

building the house that I'm building on the lake, you know? Taking a minute and being able to just relax and rest my body, you know? I'd love to do a lot of those things.

**You've referred to living in Austin as "staying out of the s---" and avoiding the trappings of Hollywood. How do you manage that?**

I think because of having a later start and knowing who I am and being grounded within myself, I don't need that to be validated. That's a big thing for me, and I truly am in it for just the work. Even at the beginning, people were like, "Maybe you should go to this party to meet this guy," and I never wanted to or never will get a job that way — to schmooze, to do this and that. I'll get it through my work. That's the way I am, and Austin is just an amazing escape. Every time I fly into there, I know I made the right decision.

**And being Canadian doesn't hurt, right?**

Yeah, my Canadian upbringing, man. My mom raised us three boys by herself. To say the least, we didn't have a lot of money. And it's the core things that truly matter at the end of the day anyways, so to be in front of all that stuff, you're able to laugh at it rather than need it. That's the difference.



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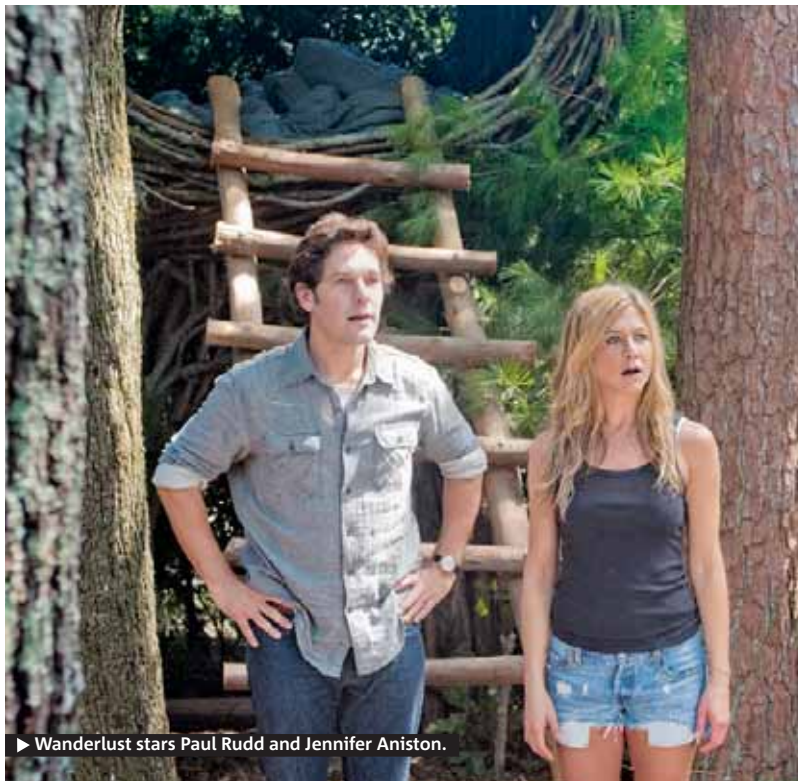
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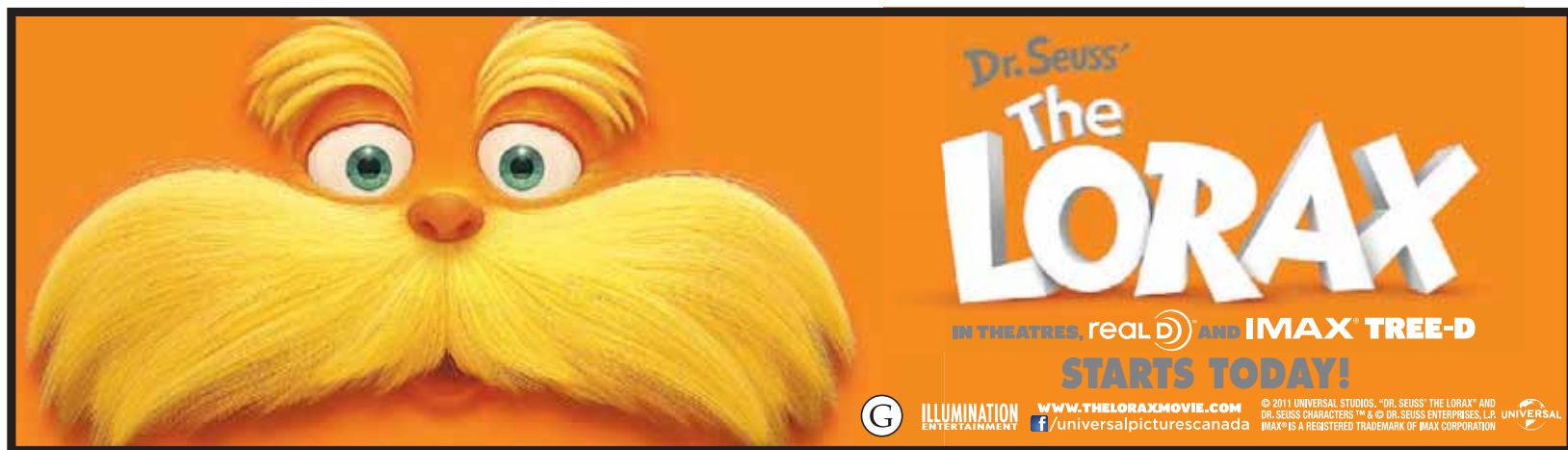
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# Sunday school for adults

## ► GCB promises to provide 'something different' to viewers



Though Christian groups are up in arms over the arrival of the new drama GCB, series star Annie Potts sees little to offend in the church-set drama.

"I don't think we're going to burn in hell for this," says Potts (Ghostbusters, Designing Women).

"On the contrary, I think the angels will be applauding that someone has found a new way to deliver a Sunday school lesson. It's a lot more palatable than someone giving you a finger-shaking."

Based loosely on the book Good Christian Bitches — changed to Good Christian Belles for TV — GCB follows former "mean girl" Amanda (Leslie Bibb) as she returns to her Dallas home after a very public scandal. Unfortunately, she finds her church-centered community anything but welcoming or forgiving, setting up a confrontation with her high school rival Carlene (Emmy-winning

Kristin Chenoweth).

Potts plays Gigi, Amanda's overbearing, gun-toting mother. Gigi wants to reshape Amanda and her children in her own, hard-drinking, church-going image.

"She (Gigi) is a very straight forward, plain-spoken woman. Very much what you see is what you get. She's right out there," says Potts. "But she welcomes her beautiful daughter back with open arms, which — among other things — is the Christian thing to do."

The actress says she was attracted to the role by the opportunity to work again with writer/creator Robert Harling (Steel Magnolias). "I saw the title, saw that Bobby had written it, and immediately said I think there might be something in there for me."

For Harling, who also wrote such women-centered movies as Soapdish and First Wives Club, GCB marks his first foray into television.

"I'm Christian myself," says Harling. "And I thought it would

be a fascinating arena to build a show around a church. And I think the

network (ABC) has been very brave and supportive. They really wanted something different; something they'd never seen before. Which is like fuel to a writer.

"Even though it's set among some of the richest people in the world, I think it reflects society today in America. People will find a lot to identify with."

GCB airs  
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► Annie Potts stars in GCB as a gun-toting mother to Leslie Bibb's character.

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Concerts: Wednesday, March 7 & Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.

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Science expo: Wednesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Concert: Wednesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. (free admission)

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# MUSIC RELEASES FOR SPRING

## SOUND CHECK



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Now that spring is within sight, plans are well underway when it comes to some major releases that will be with us well into the fall and toward Christmas. And there are some big names on this list.

### **Bruce Springsteen and The E-Street Band/Wrecking Ball (Tuesday)**

The Boss' 17th studio album is an angry affair, a protest against the things and the people that brought about The Great Recession on America. Springsteen says that the record has a lot in common with 1982's Nebraska.

### **Meat Loaf/Hell in a Handbasket (Mar. 13)**

Yes, Mr. Aday is back, although fans know that this record was released in Australia back in the fall. Co-writers on the record include Dave Kirschner (Velvet Revolver) and Canada's Tom Cochrane.

### **Chris Brown/Fortune (Mar. 16)**

Despite a heavy effort to rehabilitate his image after the Rihanna incident, things haven't been going all that well. What will the marketplace say when his fifth album



► Chris Brown's new album Fortune is slated for release on Mar. 16. With all the attempts to remake his image it will be interesting to see how his latest effort does.

comes out in a couple of weeks?

### **Adam Lambert/Trespassing (Mar. 20)**

Second album from the American Idol dude just before he goes on the road as the new lead singer for Queen this summer.

### **Madonna/MDNA (Mar. 27)**

It's hoping that Madge will give the industry a big boost with a world tour and this new album. However, Give Me All Your Luv'n' has, shall we say, been something of a disappointment for her and Interscope, her new label. Was that a stumble

out of the gate or the portent of something more dire?

### **Nicki Minaj/Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded (April 3)**

One of Minaj's alter-egos, Roman Zolanski, returns with some new adventures. No, I didn't get the Grammy performance, either.

### **Bonnie Raitt/Slipstream (Apr. 10)**

Ms Raitt's 16th album and her first since 2005. Will she have her first gold album in a decade?

### **Train/California 37 (Apr. 17)**

The Drops of

Jupiter/Calling All Angels band from San Francisco return after three years hoping for more American Music Awards and Grammy nominations like they got last time.

### **Jack White/Blunderbuss (Apr. 24)**

After an entire career of working within bands (White Stripes, Raconteurs, Dead Weather) or working behind the scenes with older stars (Loretta Lynn, Wanda Jackson, Tom Jones), Jack is finally putting his own name front-and-centre. He's off to a great start with the first single, Love Interruption.

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# Happy birthday indeed, Bieber

► Seems like just yesterday he was a fresh-faced kid singing his heart out on YouTube ► Justin celebrates his 18th year by spending big money

## THE WORD

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Happy birthday indeed, Bieber.

When you're the most famous 18-year-old in the world, cake ain't cutting it. No, Justin Bieber had a much better Thursday than you did.

Let's start with the gifts. On Wednesday, Bieber's manager stopped by The Ellen DeGeneres Show to surprise him with a Fisker Karma — that's an eco-friendly sports car for all of you Kia drivers — estimated to be worth at least \$100,000.

As for himself, Bieber is looking to buy two L.A.-area mansions priced between six and eight million dollars, according to TMZ.

Yesterday, we can only assume that he drove his new car to scope out his potential new Hollywood pads — when he wasn't parachuting or hitting up his dinner party, that is.

Justin! The whole point of being 18 is that you don't yet need to buy things to make you happy.

Have fun, kid, but we hope you have some serious funds set aside for 28.

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► Justin Bieber

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## Celebrity tweets



Hubs holding my hair while I Nettiepot - that's love.

@jessicaalba



@SarahSilverman

I shouldn't let the Bachelor's hair upset me so

## Clooney at peace with gay rumours

Despite a steady stream of hot girlfriends, George Clooney still gets hounded by gay rumours — not that he's complaining.

"I think it's funny, but the last thing you'll ever see me do is jump up and down, saying, 'These are lies!' That would be unfair and unkind to my good friends in the gay community," Clooney tells the Advocate. "I'm not going to let anyone make it seem like being gay is a bad thing. My private life is private, and I'm very happy in it." And as for the rumours, Clooney says he's come to terms with them. "Who does it hurt if someone thinks I'm gay? I'll be long dead and there will still be people who say I was gay. I don't give a s—," he says. ● METRO

## Finally... celebs who give their baby a normal name



► Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner

Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck have revealed the name of their newborn son. "We are happy to announce on Feb. 27, Jennifer gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Samuel Garner Affleck," the proud dad posted on Facebook. Samuel joins sisters Violet and Seraphina. ● METRO

## Now that's a nip slip

Beyoncé turned heads recently during a lunch date in New York's West Village when she was spotted breastfeeding her newborn daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, according to Us Weekly. Three different sources reported to the magazine that they saw the singer feeding Blue at the



► Beyoncé

table while having lunch at Sant Ambroeus over the weekend. ● METRO

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# The cheesy side of food

► These savoury Cheddar Shortbread Diamonds make elegant nibbles to enjoy with wine

## Preparation:

**1** In food processor, pulse red pepper until finely chopped. Add Canadian Old White Cheddar cheese, butter, flour, sugar, chili powder and salt. Pulse until dough starts to hold, adding water bit at a time until dough holds together when squeezed.

**2** Turn out dough into bowl and knead lightly into a smooth dough. Shape into flat square. On sheet of parchment paper with a floured rolling pin, roll out to a 9-inch (23 cm) square, about 1/2-inch (1 cm) thick. Slide onto a baking sheet and refrigerate 20 mins or until cold.

**3** Using knife, cut square into 8 equal strips. On diagonal, make seven cuts along each strip, about 1 inch (2.5 cm) apart, into 56 diamonds (there will be triangles at the ends of the strips – either press together into diamonds or bake as triangles). Lightly brush tops with egg white and sprinkle with coarse sea salt. Separate shortbread pieces on the parchment so they are at least 1/2

inch (1 cm) apart.

**4** In preheated 350 F (180 C) oven, bake one sheet at a time, for 27 mins or until firm and just start-

ing to turn golden around the edges. Let cool on pan 3 mins. then transfer to rack. Serve warm or let cool.

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## Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) coarsely chopped sweet red pepper
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) shredded Canadian Old White Cheddar cheese (about 6 oz/

- 175 g)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) cold butter, cut into cubes
- 2 cups (500 mL) all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) granulated sugar

- 1 tsp (5 mL) ancho chili powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) water (approx.)
- 1 egg white, beaten
- Coarse sea salt

**Cheddar Shortbread Diamonds**



► This recipe makes about 56 diamonds.

## Love wine – inside & out

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I'm glad you can't tell a wine by its label. If you could, there'd be an awful lot of boring juice on the shelves.

You can blame the trend in ho-hum bottle bling on the critter label backlash a few years back. Once customers got sick of cartoon animals on their wine bottles, marketers couldn't sink the ark fast enough and set sail on the good ship mundane.

Argentina and South Africa are major offenders. Their sections look like wallpaper with one cookie cutter label after another.

I have a place in my heart for any winery that shows as much inventiveness outside the bottle as it does in. The People's 2010 Pinot Noir (\$16.95 - \$19.99) from New Zealand wins on both fronts.

Designed by kiwi artist Martin Poppelwell, its label font has an urban vibe reminiscent of a bistro's chalkboard wine list.

The liquid has a hip, bright flavour that oozes plump strawberry and subtle tannins, which pairs well with roast poultry and lighter meat dishes.



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1. Replace cheddar with stretch mozzarella in Mexican lasagna, burritos, quesadillas and enchiladas to put a new twist on fiesta favourites.

2. Sprinkle shredded stretch mozzarella on your favourite soup and enjoy the buttery strings of cheese with every spoonful.

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## More sports



SAINT MARY'S HUSKIES GUARD JUSTINE COLLEY WAS NAMED A FIRST-TEAM ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY SPORT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-STAR ON THURSDAY. HUSKIES FORWARD SUSANNE CANVIN CRACKED THE SECOND TEAM, AS DID GUARD KEISHA BROWN OF THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS. THE AUS WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE PLAYED THIS WEEKEND IN ANTIGONISH, WITH SAINT MARY'S AND DALHOUSIE CLASHING IN THE QUARTER-FINALS ON FRIDAY AT 8 P.M.

# Centre of Dal's hoop hopes

- Six-foot-six pivot Nortmann enjoys massive leap in minutes, rebounds and scoring
- Hopes underdog defending champions can win third AUS title in five years



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Robert Nortmann knows all about what it takes to win.

During his first four years with the Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team, the six-foot-six centre hoisted the Atlantic University Sport championship trophy twice and played important — albeit sparing — minutes off the bench as an energy player.

But this year is different. Entering the Final 6 on Friday at the Metro Centre, Nortmann is more than a role player — he's at the centre of Dalhousie's title hopes.

"Things have changed — I've become more of a focal point on the offensive and defensive end of things," Nortmann said. "I have to be ready from the get-go and be ready to play at all times."

Nortmann, who averaged around 12.7 minutes and 2.3 points per game over the past three seasons, has been thrust into the spotlight after the graduation of the team's top-five scorers, including two-time Final 6 MVP Simon Farine.

He started all 20 games this season, averaging 14.2 points and 6.5 rebounds along with 28.9 minutes while the Tigers went 9-11 to finish fifth.

He was named an AUS second-team all-star on Thursday.

"It's been a blessing to be



► Robert Nortmann, right, celebrates last year's AUS men's basketball championship with his Dalhousie teammates. Nortmann has gone from role player to key starter as the Tigers prepare for the Final 6 at the Metro Centre this weekend.

**"We have to know where he is at all times and really centre our defence around stopping him and make other players beat us."**

DAL'S ROBERT NORTMANN ON CONFERENCE MVP JIMMY DORSEY

able to grow with the team and peak in my final year," said Nortmann, who is from Nassau, Bahamas, but moved to Toronto with his

## Final 6 seeding

Atlantic University Sport Final 6 men's basketball championship at Metro Centre.

- Friday, quarter-finals  
(5) Dalhousie vs.  
(4) Cape Breton, 6 p.m.

- (6) Saint Mary's vs.  
(3) UPEI, 8:15 p.m.

- Saturday, semifinals  
(1) St. Francis Xavier vs. lowest remaining seed, 6 p.m.  
(2) Acadia vs. highest remaining seed, 8:15 p.m.
- Sunday, final  
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

family when he was in Grade 9.

"I've really enjoyed it."

Despite their status as defending champion, nobody is calling the Tigers a

favourite. But they defeated their quarter-final opponent, the Cape Breton Capers, on Feb. 18 and took down the top-seeded St. Francis Xavier X-Men on

## AUS MVP goes to Capers' Dorsey

Cape Breton Capers guard Jimmy Dorsey was named AUS men's basketball MVP on Thursday after leading the conference in scoring with 22.8 points per game.

Dorsey also ranked No. 1 in assists (8.8 per game), steals (2.7) and double-doubles (11), while averaging 7.7 rebounds per game.

The Saint Mary's Huskies placed guard Tory Fassett on the first all-star team, while Brian Rouse picked up top rookie honours. ●METRO

Jan. 29, signs that they can hang with the best.

"I feel that we have a good chance to win it," Nortmann said.

While he cherishes last year's championship triumph as well as the title win in 2009, neither would compare with getting a third as a starter.

"It'd mean the world to me to win one this year," Nortmann said. "Especially with the role I've played ... to really make a big impact and bring down another championship would be huge."



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► Dominique Ducharme

## Mooseheads in hunt for higher QMJHL playoff seed

The Halifax Mooseheads wrap up a three-game road trip with back-to-back games against the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies on Friday and Saturday.

The Mooseheads, who have a 29-point edge on the Huskies in the QMJHL standings, sit sixth overall and trail the fifth-place Victoriaville Tigres by four points.

They kicked off the road trip on Wednesday with a 6-2 win over the Gatineau Olympiques, but needed to storm back after falling behind 2-0. They're looking for better starts against the Huskies.

"We need to learn from that," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "They're the same kind of team as Gatineau, competing hard all the time, so we have to have a better start and build on what we did in the last 35 minutes against Gatineau."

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## Murphy expects big test in Saskatoon

Jamie Murphy isn't getting ahead of himself at his first Tim Hortons Brier.

As one of two rookies at the Canadian men's curling championship in Saskatoon starting Saturday, the CFB Halifax skip

knows his team is facing its most challenging week of curling yet.

"We're fairly young and we're looking forward to seeing how our game matches up and seeing where we can improve for future years," Murphy said. "We're not trying to pay attention to the record side of it, so much as playing our game the best we can."

Murphy, 30, and his team of third Jordan Pinder, second Mike Bardsley and lead Donald McDermaid won Nova Scotia's Molson Tankard

last month in Bridgewater, defeating 2004 Brier champ Mark Dacey 7-5 in the final.

Murphy had never finished higher than third since moving to Halifax from Saint John, N.B., seven years ago.

He faces the Yukon/Northwest territories and Prince Edward Island on opening day.

"The event is on a totally different level than we've ever played on," Murphy said. "It's going to be awesome to be a part of."

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## Sports in brief

### Ezurike strikes for Canada

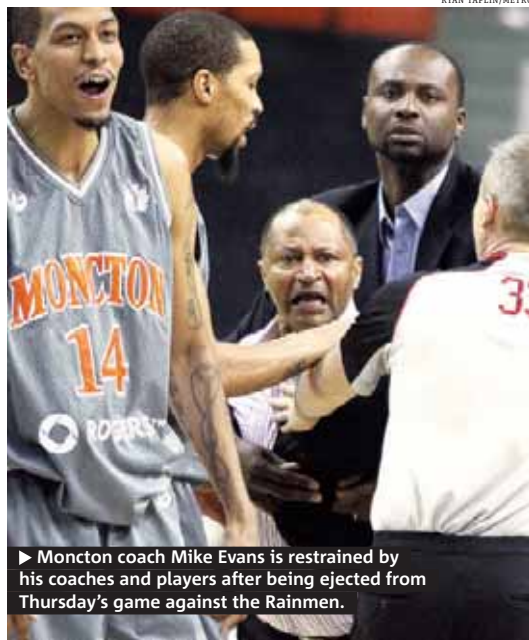
**SOCCER.** Lower Sackville striker Nkem Ezurike scored twice as Canada shut out Haiti 5-0 to win its tournament opener Thursday at the CONCACAF U-20 women's soccer championship in Panama City. Ezurike's goal was the first of the night for Canada shortly after half-time. ● METRO

## Tigers fall to St. FX to open championship

**AUS HOCKEY.** The host Dalhousie Tigers lost the opener of the Atlantic University Sport women's hockey championship on Thursday, falling 3-1 to the St. Francis Xavier X-Women. Action continues throughout the weekend, with Dal playing the UPEI Panthers on Friday at 3 p.m. The championship game is Sunday at 2 p.m. ● METRO

# Cooler heads prevail on court

- Halifax earns home-court advantage against Quebec in NBL Canada semifinals
- Former Rainmen coach Mike Evans ejected in second half as Moncton squad loses cool



► Moncton coach Mike Evans is restrained by his coaches and players after being ejected from Thursday's game against the Rainmen.



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Call the Halifax Rainmen's win over the Moncton Miracles on Thursday a technical knockout.

The Rainmen, who trailed by six points at half-time, benefited from a lack of discipline from their last-place opponent to earn a 106-94 victory over the Miracles before a crowd of 3,864 at the Metro Centre.

The Miracles were called for five technical fouls in the final 8:17, sending the Rainmen to the line 30 times in the fourth quarter for 21 of their final 31 points.

"They got frustrated and that happens in basketball, but it hurt them, it really hurt them a lot," said Rainmen guard Justin Johnson,

## NBL all-star draft

Halifax Rainmen guard Joey Haywood drew from his own backyard to fill out his roster for the NBL Canada all-star game on April 1 at the Metro Centre.

- Haywood, named an all-star captain along with the London Lightning's Eddie

Smith, won the "fantasy draft" coin flip and selected teammates Tyrone Levett first overall and Taliek Brown third.

- He later added ex-Rainmen guard Trayvon Lathan of the Moncton Miracles.
- Smith picked teammates Gabe Freeman and DeAnthony Bowden at Nos. 2 and 4.

who poured in 19 points and hauled down eight rebounds.

"They probably lost by how many technicals they had."

The Rainmen had some sluggish moments in the first half, falling asleep for an 18-0 run by the Miracles. But they turned it up a notch in the second half to ensure they clinched second overall and home-court

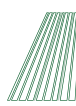
advantage for their National Basketball League of Canada semifinal series with the Quebec Kebs.

"We wanted to take care of it now because we didn't want to have to go to Saint John (for Sunday's regular-season finale) and have that be the game we had to win," said Rainmen centre Richard Anderson. "It took us a while to get going, but we came out with the win."

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NHL.

► Boston's David Krejci scores on New Jersey's Martin Brodeur Thursday night.

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## Devs can't handle Krejci

David Krejci completed his second career hat trick at 2:59 of overtime to give the Bruins a 4-3 victory over New Jersey in Boston on Thursday night. This finished their first season sweep of the Devils since 1985-86.

# MLB's wild negotiations

► Negotiators have said for weeks that a deal to add wild cards is likely

The Braves are remembered for one of baseball's epic collapses.

Too bad for Atlanta the playoffs weren't expanded a year earlier.

Negotiators for players and owners are working towards increasing the playoff field to 10 teams this season. They had hoped to reach a deal by Thursday, but the sides said talks could continue if more time is needed to deal with adding the extra wild cards.

The sides spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because talks have not been public.

If there had been additional wild cards last season, the Braves would have made the playoffs in



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**"I don't think if two teams are good enough to make the playoffs that it should be decided by one game like that."**

BRAVES SECOND BASEMAN DAN UGGLA ON THE WILD-CARD FORMAT

the NL, while the Boston Red Sox would have qualified in the AL. Instead, each missed the post-season with historic swoons.

"I would've taken it last year," Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez said Thursday.

When players and owners signed their new labour contract in November, the section covering

the playoffs established a March 1 goal for deciding whether the post-season would increase by two teams for 2012 or 2013. The deal would establish a new one-game, wild-card round in each league between teams with the best records who are not division winners, meaning a third-place team could win the World Series.

Don't count on it, said Braves pitcher Tim Hudson.

The wild-card winner would face a major disadvantage going through the rest of the playoffs, according to Hudson. Last season, St. Louis passed the Braves for the wild card on the final day and went on to capture the World Series. Hudson said it would've been much harder for the Cardinals or the Braves to advance if they had played an extra game against each other first.

"Even if you get by that one game, the chances of winning the next round are not very good," he said.

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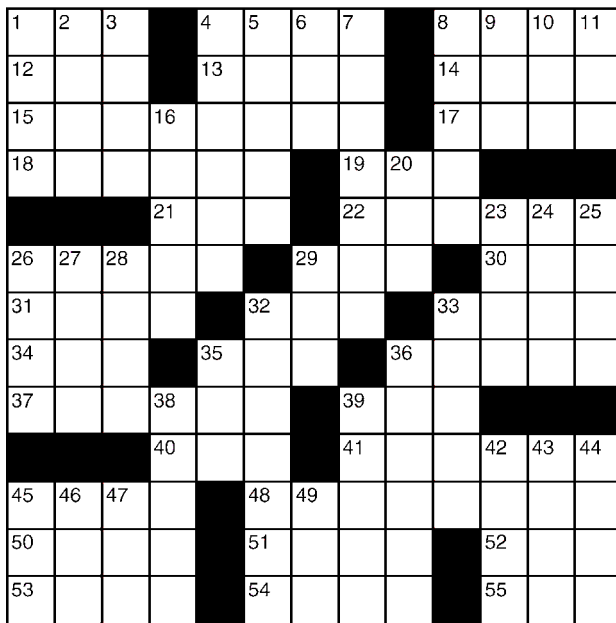
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## Across

1 Matterhorn, for one  
4 Dull sound of impact  
8 Equipment  
12 Debtor's letters  
13 Leak out slowly  
14 Advantage  
15 Not imported  
17 Crucifix  
18 Meager  
19 Resistance measure  
21 Solidify  
22 Countrified  
26 Deluge  
29 Oktoberfest vessel  
30 Eventual aves  
31 Carry on  
32 Predicament  
33 Get ready quickly?  
34 Praise in verse  
35 Festive  
36 React to reveille  
37 Occult  
39 Exist  
40 Wapiti  
41 Mr. pluralized  
45 Entreaty  
48 Doubter of a sort  
50 Towel designation  
51 Dirt  
52 Commotion  
53 Challenge  
54 Old portico  
55 Evergreen type

## Down

1 Lends a hand  
2 Aerobic maneuver  
3 Wild cat  
4 Threw  
5 "Monopoly" building  
6 9mm submachine



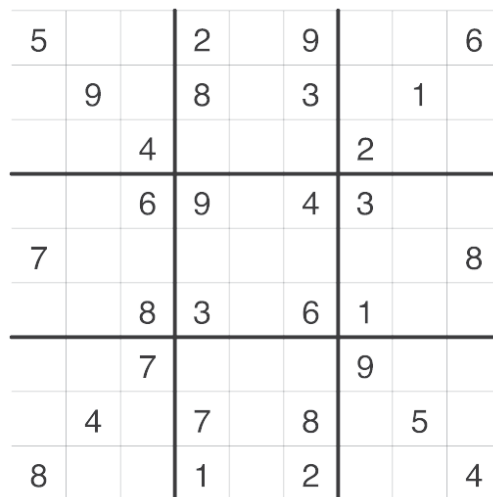
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11 Roulette bet  
16 Cereal disease  
20 Embrace  
23 Actress Spelling  
24 Currier's partner  
25 Superhero costume feature  
26 Gift-tag word  
27 "— and the Tramp"  
28 Individuals  
29 Has potential

32 Fool  
33 Fourth estate  
35 Grissom of "CSI"  
36 Colored part of the iris  
38 Make fun of  
39 Prenatal exam, for short  
42 Remain  
43 Take the bus  
44 Garbage barge  
45 Third degree?  
46 Meadow  
47 Blunder  
49 "— milk?"

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## Sudoku



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## ► Yesterday's answer

8	1	5	7	6	2	4	3	9
9	2	6	4	8	3	1	7	5
4	3	7	5	1	9	8	2	6
6	5	3	2	4	1	7	9	8
1	9	4	6	7	8	3	5	2
7	8	2	9	3	5	6	1	4
2	6	8	1	5	7	9	4	3
3	7	9	8	2	4	5	6	1
5	4	1	3	9	6	2	8	7

## Send a KISS

You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, at [metronews.ca/kiss](http://metronews.ca/kiss).

*The Bus Driver*  
I am so happy when I am with you. I hope it never stops. I hope you stay for a very long time. I hope our lives continue together. xoxoxoxoxox. **CRAZY NUBBS**

*BlueLion, Hope you find somewhere in your heart to forgive me, I know our love can battle anything that comes our way. This a grey cloud that will soon be a beautiful sunshine. I am not giving up on us and neither will I give up on our love.*  
**PURPLEPANDA**

*My handsome hero*  
It hurts so much that you are not with me my handsome knight and hero, I keep you in my thoughts and dreams every night, please dont stay away forever, I will wait forever as I promised. **YOUR LADY**

*you, And i will never give up on our love,,,ever!*  
**YOUR LADY**

## Today's horoscope

## ♈ Aries March 21-April 20

As mind planet Mercury moves into your sign, you must set your sights higher. Aim for the top.

## ♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

You need to branch out on your own and do things that benefit you, not other people. That might sound a bit selfish but it's OK.

## ♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You may be a bit quiet today. But with Mercury moving into the friendship area of your chart, you won't be withdrawn for long.

## ♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Some comments that come your way today will be unflattering but there is no point reacting to them.

## ♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Your life is complicated enough as it is without taking on even more responsibilities. You should be looking for ways to do less.

## ♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Hold out for what you are worth, even if those who control the purse strings warn that you risk ending up with nothing.

## ♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

What looks like a setback early in the day will turn out to be just what you need later in the day.

## ♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Some things are important and some things are not. Leave the trivial stuff for trivial people.

## ♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Focus on what you enjoy doing today, even if loved ones keep telling you it isn't productive.

## ♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You may be tempted to take some kind of gamble today, most likely because someone you are close to emotionally expects it of you.

## ♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Keep things simple over the next 24 hours and ignore the nagging thought you are not using your time and energy as wisely.

## ♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

There are wonderful opportunities coming your way. Luck is what you make of it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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